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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka,
IS-R-CUBA
(CRIMINAL SECTION)

Re Dallas teletype to Director and NY 7/10/64. Bureau teletype to NY 7/13/64, and NY teletype to Bureau and Dallas this date.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of a LHM reflecting interview with JOHN F. DOWD, General Counsel, "Life" Magazine re details as to how "Life" obtained possession of a copy of OSWALD's diary. Enclosed for Dallas are two copies of same LHM.

Also enclosed for FBI Laboratory is a photostat copy of OSWALD's diary as furnished by DOWD to SA JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY. DOWD stated that the enclosed photostat was pbtained by "Life" correspondent, HOLLAND MC COMBS from PAULA EBY AYNESWORTH, in Dallas, Texas and was forwarded to NYC by MC COMBS for publicationsin "Life" Magazine. DOWD stated that marks and notations appearing on enclosed photostat were made by members of "Life" during process of preparing photostat for publication and that the name "DOLORES KLAICH" appearing on top of first page of photostat, is the name of a member of "Life's" Research Department.

FBI Laboratory is requested to attempt to determine

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if enclosed photostat was reproduced from film obtained from Dallas, Texas District Attorney WADE and previously forwarded to Laboratory by Dallas Office. FBI Laboratory is also requested to return enclosed photostat as soon as possible so that same may be returned to Mr. DOWD at "Life" office in NYC.

Initial contact at "Life" on 7/14/64, was conducted by SAS JAMES O. INGRAM and JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY and subsequent interview at "Life" 7/16/64, was conducted by SAS JOHN EDWARD HEGARTY and JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY.

For information of Bureau, Mr. DOWD advised that sometime around the latter part of June, 1964, "Life" editor, JAMES THOMPSON, accompanied by another "Life" representative, visited Washington, D. C. and during their visit contacted GERALD FORD of the President's Commission and had dinner with Mr. FORD. DOWD explained that several weeks previous, Mr. FORD had made a social visit to "Life" office in NYC and on that occasion, Mr. THOMPSON was unavailable so THOMPSON later returned the visit as reflected above. DOWD stated that while THOMPSON was in contact with FORD, he, FORD, commented to THOMPSON that he is preparing a book regarding OSWALD and the assassination which he is not going to release, however, until after the public release of the report by the President's Commission.

DOWD remarked that FORD made a very general statement to Mr. THOMPSON regarding the probable length and size of the Commission's report but at no time did FORD or any other member of the Commission furnish any information re the OSWALD diary or any other information of a confidential nature and pertaining to the investigation by the President's Commission.